

## Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Online via Zoom
Meeting Date:	Feb. 15, 2022
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	R. Slezash
Attendees:	Vice President: Roshael Slezash Treasurer: Suzana Topic Secretary: Elaine Addison DPAC representative: Vijay Kallur Dry Grad Liaison: Rhonda Krushel Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan Principal: Mark Robinson  G. We  Regrets: R. Khan

### Call to Order:

7:07

### Minutes from Previous Meeting

- approved

### Principal's Update

- We are likely to get some updated COVID rules on Friday
- PAC money is slowly being spent. There are not many big ticket items but more long drawn out expenses
- Girls curling team made the Provincials again and are going to Kelowna in March.
- Basketball teams – Grade 8 boys and girls, Grade 9 boys (made it to the Delta finals),
- Senior boys and girls are still playing. Badminton will be beginning next week with drop in sessions.
- PTI's will be on March 10 and be via TEAMS. More details to families soon
- We are now keeping track of "illness" of students and the Ministry is pulling that data daily. They will compare the current rates to historical data.
- Our current absentee rate for students and staff is about what it was last year at this time

- Delta will require all staff to declare their vaccination status by March 1. We still don't know the procedures for this to happen
- We have a whole group of new-to-us international students. There are 24 of them. They are from Brazil, Italy, Germany, Austria and Japan.
- Registration and Applications
  - Registration – 118 (grade 8's) all have Sands as a second or third choice
  - Applications –
    - Non-Catchment = 14
      - 6 - have SA as a 1st choice
      - 2 - have SA as a 2nd choice
      - 6 have SA as a 3rd choice
    - Non-district = 5
      - 2 - SA 1st choice
      - 1 - SA 2nd choice
      - 2 - SA 3rd choice
- District Pro D day on Feb 18 has an Indigenous focus.
- Cancelled in January: Literacy and Numeracy assessment for the grade 10s and 11s and Literacy 12. Rescheduled in April
- Regular immunization for grade 9's will be on January 24. Fraser Health is also going a catch up for all Grade 10's that did not get their shot last year
- Course planning will start next week with counsellors visiting all students and students making selections.
- UBC's MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument) survey. The purpose of this survey is to gather information about the health and well being of children in BC ages 10-13. Feb 22
- Canuel continues to struggle with hiring employees for the canteen. We are now scheduled to open on Feb 28.
- Grade 8 mentorships are starting up again this week and next.
- Grad – we are optimistic that we will have a boat cruise, a banquet and valedictory. These will always depend on the rules at the time of the events.  
Dry Grad, not sure how this will work – vaccine passports and limited size
- Secondary Futures is a group that has begun to meet to discuss a variety of things related to bell schedules, collaboration, flex blocks, School Act, DTA contract, semester/linear schedules for next year. There will be a survey coming to our community starting next week. Main topic is Linear v Semester for next year.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Report to be done within the next two weeks
- first list of receipts have arrived so cheques will be cut & signed soon

**DPAC update: Vijay Kallur**

- no meeting yet this month
- For Feb 28 meeting DPAC members were asked to bring priority items from each school, please send anything to PAC and it will be forwarded

**Dry Grad update: Rhonda Krushel**

- meeting is tomorrow night
- draft letter asking for prizes has been drawn up and will be sent soon
- tickets on sale before March break and need volunteers to assist

**Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan**

- Has heard back from district coordinator
- Container supplies has been broken down into categories and list will be shared soon
- Inventory will be done this month by coordinator

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**Next Meeting**

- April 19, 2022
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Adjourned: 8:03